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1. The Soviet-controlled firm of Hofherr-Schrantz A.G., Shuttleworthstrasse 8, Vienna XXI, manufacturers of agricultural machinery (not to be confused with Hofherr & Schrantz, G.m.b.H., which manufactures special machinery), has shipped the following agricultural equipment to the USSR via Hegyeshalom, Hungary:

<u>Item</u>	<u>January 1947</u>	<u>April 1947</u>	<u>May 1947</u>	<u>Total</u>
Potato harvesters	500	750	350	1600
Threshing machines	"	75	25	100
Beet cutters	"	280	125	405
Rollers	"	30	"	30
Bruising mills	"	140	"	140
Scythes (bought on the black market)	"	3000	1000	4000

2. Hofherr-Schrantz is said to have priced its goods, which could be sold only on a compensation basis, so high that an ordinary buyer could not afford them. This was done in order that the machines might be sold to Russia only.

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